TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Adds 312 IAC 11.8 to assist with implementing P.L.151-2012, which amended IC 14-25-1-8, concerning the use of mediation under IC 4-21.5-3.5 to resolve disputes between the users of surface water. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200, at nrcrules@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through: http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm

Statutory authority: <u>IC 14-10-2-4</u>; <u>IC 14-25-1-8</u>; <u>IC 14-25-1-11</u>.

For purposes of IC 4-22-2-28.1, the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of IC 4-22-2-28.1, the Small Business Ombudsman designated by IC 5-28-17-5 is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in <u>IC 5-28-17-5</u>, specifically <u>IC 5-28-17-5(9)</u>, investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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